

## NORTHPASS MARCH COMMONS: March 14, 2019

### OPENING COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Seónaid is stepping back, the position of Herald is now open

### OFFICER REPORTS

#### A. CHATELAIN (Report from Wilhelm Larsson)

“We had a grave loss recently with a local needing to back out of active participation to move a bit away from Northpass. Hawk /David is fun and enthusiastic. We wish him well and hope to see him when he is again able to play.

I hope to restart “learn the SCA” classes in the next few months and get back to the original plan of making that a near monthly gathering.

One thing I need to highlight. We will have a great need for Gold Key for both Blood and Axes in June and for Barleycorn in September. I believe this is an important need for us to return to growth.

The main thing we need to grow however is bring in new people. If we speak of the SCA to friends many will want to join us. Some will still think we are odd...others will want to be odd with us. It is an exceptional oddness to want the joy of following the dream!”

#### B. MINISTER OF ARTS & SCIENCES (Meadhbh)

- Dance practice is planned for 3/17 at MAP space

##### A&S Report

•Friderich has indicated that he and Lilli are willing to host the Calligraphy workshop. I have requested available dates which will work for them and will coordinate scheduling with Lada.

•”Blood and Axes may potentially be held in May this year, which means that if an A&S presence is to be included, we should start thinking about it now. My initial thoughts are a demo on protective garb (like chain mail), a display of A&S items related to combat, or a demo blacksmithing (since many weapons are made via that process) or something else related. Please send me any thoughts that you may have at meadhbhogarvey@gmail.com.”

• Oliver is planning two brewing workshops: 3/24 and 4/20. Space is limited to 4-5 people due to size of his kitchen.

• Calligraphy workshop is in the works for 3/31 at Friderich’s house.

Friderich asked if this is still happening; Conandil confirmed that it is still planned, and Meadhbh is waiting to hear from Lada on times.

• Esnede announced Østgardr Queen’s Favor workshop to be held on 4/14 at Esnede’s place of mundane employment. There will also be classes and will be treated as a demo, so show up in garb.

- There is an event in Poughkeepsie on 4/13: the Resurrection of Mangia Borgia

#### C. CHRONICLER (Conandil)

- March issue of Stronghold has been posted

- There is a possible deputy chronicler

#### D. HERALD

- no report, position is open

#### E. EXCHEQUER (Ben)

- Report is in to new Kingdom Exchequer
- End of year report is in
- there are still spreadsheet issues in that the spreadsheet numbers don't match the bank account. The bank account is \$10K over what is on the spreadsheet.
- Ben still hopes to be able to figure out the issues.

#### F. CHAMBERLAIN (Grettir)

- inventory is going well
- list will be available soon

#### G. THROWN WEAPONS (Wilhelm)

No report

#### H. WEB MINISTER (Victor)

- web site is up-to-date
- message if there is anything that needs fixing/changing
- send him a message if you need something put on the site

#### I. SENESCHAL (Esnede)

- has a new potential Deputy Seneschal
- any issues and concerns should be addressed directly with the seneschal
- Coronation: it was suggested to Esnede that as many as are able to [from Northpass] should attend at least one court at Coronation.
- Kitchen Gear Committee will need to meet. Friderich will restart his research

#### OLD BUSINESS

- BEAR'S TAVERN (report from Meadhbh)

“Sadly, we were not able to pull this event together this year. The only available weekend for the venue not in conflict with another local event was June 1/2. There are a number of issues with this date, including (but not limited to) proximity to Pennsic, the fact that it is real-life family vacation season, and because I will not ask Wilhelm to Steward so soon after Blood and Axes. Also, I have a family event that weekend for my dad.

I think that we should try again next year...hopefully we can get the usual weekend.”

B. BLOOD & AXES (Report from event steward Wilhelm Larrison)“Much work needs to be done but we have settled many portion of the event. At this point what is in scope is this:

- **Thrown Weapons**- Leon the Navigator (to be confirmed) along with myself. We are looking for two other marshals to help.
- **Archery**- Ruan Shi Tianis running a tourney and marshaled by Friderich Grimme Armored Combat – Several asked. None confirmed yet.

- **Fencing**– Jane Milford
- **Youth Combat**– To be confirmed...
- **Forestry Activities**– Gareth (with several helping from the guild)
- **Gate**– To be determined
- **Kitchen**– Nagashima Ichiro Ujimichi

The plan is still for the martial activity that happened last year...but we hope to add a few new TW activities...

- Two are forestry guild inspired (we'll call them stick throw and stone throw for now) and the other is a (very) youth thrown weapons contest. That contest will potentially be open to children as young as 3 (working on permission to run this...I expect it will be under the supervision of TW marshals.) The plan is throwing wood axes of a few ounces of weight. This will allow for teaching range etiquette and get the much younger involved with the event theme. I will need several (at minimum 2 or 3) Chancellor Minors to help with these activities.
- We also have several new activities as run by the Forestry guild types. An army needs to be able to know the woods and live off the land! Since most are as of yet unconfirmed I will hold off sharing here.
- The site is booked but insurance needs to be arranged. Things are well in order though for this far off from the event. I anticipate a good increase in attendance over last year but will lost some potential attendees from the Smoking Rocks Investiture.

Anyone wanting to help is welcome! Please share to me if you are and we will match you up for what works for you.”

### C. BARLEYCORN (Report from event steward Wilhelm Larrson)

“We are not close to where things should be at this date. Apologies!

Site is penciled in but we need to get paper in place and I have had trouble getting the needed form site. Site is not being particularly difficult but my time has not been available for me to push this. We also need to procure named insurance.

Staff is mostly not yet set but many the most central positions and a few of the other ones are set.

- **Kitchen**: This is vital for this event and we have a great lineup.
- Plan is still potluck on Friday (although I am toying with an idea...Cunning plans may occur. I'll share if this happens.)
- Saturday Breakfast and Dayboard are set to be run by Friderich Grimme.
- Saturday evening's feast will be Brigitte (as was last year and several recent years)
- Sunday Morning will be put on by me and a few others. This has been helpful to me in the past as I have been able to direct the close down of the hall and kitchen as breakfast has been served and closed up.

- This year we will be aiming to prepare as much as possible offsite to avoid some terms on site use.

### **Martial Activities**

- We need to field marshals /tournament masters for all 5 activities (Armored combat, Fencing, Archery, TW, and youth combat.) This is in part blocked by a need to know which if any Provincial championships we will need to host.) We will need to get answers from the Vicregals on that point and staff will need to be assembled. I am behind here.

### **Artful activities**

- There will be brewing, indoor and outdoor games, dancing, classes, and the evening masque. I hope to arrange firelight bardic. This is a work in progress but we should be offering an exciting program.

### **Other staff needed.**

- We will need setup help on Friday... Gate help Friday and Saturday
- “Welcome staff” Saturday late morning to help direct and welcome newcomers Area coordinators on Saturday
- Cleanup /breakdown help Saturday late afternoon and Sunday Am
- Anyone wanting to help is welcome! Please share to me if you are and we will match you up for what works for you.”

## D. GOAT’S TAVERN

- Oliver di Bainbrig/Phil Clarke, Jr. has volunteered to steward
- Vote taken to accept his offer, non opposed.

## E. LARGESSE

- Esnede had to step back from being in charge of largesse due to family emergency
- Aurora ffolkes has offered to be in charge of largess for coronation
- Tom of Northpass brought up concern that Northpass bringing largesse may not be within protocol, Esnede will speak with Lada and Suuder.

## F. PAGEANTRY

- committee has not met since formation
- need to get online chat to determine what style of banners
- there is money set aside for banners (\$1000)
- please message Esnede if interested in being on committee

## G. BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

- need more people to join
- next revision of by-laws to be presented in April
- Friderich has volunteered to “devil’s advocate” it

## NEW BUSINESS

### A. DEPUTY SENESCHAL

- Oliver di Bainbrig/Phil Clark has been nominated voted into the position of deputy seneschal. Conandil voiced concerns about potential issues of drop-dead status in the future Regarding “dual citizenship.” Esnade said she has an email indicating it is ok.

#### B. FAVOR WORKSHOP

- April 14 (see under A&S for more details)
- there will be sewing machines dedicated to do embroidery of the favors
- A&S classes will be held
- there will be classrooms with sewing machines to work on Gold Key garb or personal garb

#### C. FACEBOOK

- need a social media officer, which will be a deputy position serving under the seneschal
- Job description: run Canton of Northpass page and group, create FB events and activities, as well as coordinate with the autocrats and MoAS for announcements.
- Stephen C. King is possibly interested
- Friderich will get back to Esnade in a week
- Potential to split the responsibilities of the office between interested parties.
- there was a question about having an official and unofficial group. Technical and SCA issues are a concern about how to navigate the groups.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

#### A. OFFICER POSITIONS OPEN

1. Minister of Lists
2. Captain of Archery (we also need more archery marshalls)
3. Chancellor of Minors
  - position was filled at Commons. Phil Clarke has been cleared for this position. Oliver nominated himself for this office, vote taken and passed.
  - Esnade said we can now have children’s activities at events.
4. Knight Marshall
5. Herald
6. Social Media Officer (see “Facebook” discussion under New Business)

B. BY-LAWS COMMITTEE: need more members

C. PAGEANTRY COMMITTEE: need more members

D. KITCHEN GEAR COMMITTEE: need more members

### LOCAL HAPPENINGS

A. ARCHERY: archery will be indoors on Wednesday evenings through April. Starting in May, archery will move outdoors on Sundays. There are 5-6 archers.

B. GARB CLASS at Joann on 3/23. Participants will learn to make a Viking underdress. Fee is \$10, plus supplies which can be purchased at the store.

Attendees:

Officers: Ben Rivera, Conandil ingen Donngaile (remote), Esnade O Murrin, Friderich Grimme (remote), Victor Maximus

Locals: Aurora ffolkes, Kunigunde Wedemann, Richard the Poor, Thomas of Northpass, Stephen King, Oliver di Bainbrig

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